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**IMPLIED MOTIVE UNFOUNDED.**

For reasons of solely public interest the CITIZEN upheld the minority members of the Town Council in their opposition to the plans put forward by the chairman of the water committee, involving the expenditure of large amounts of money in the extension of water mains. The minority had arguments, both abundant and sound, on its side, but did not have the votes and was defeated. The policy was clearly one of business policy, and called for no introduction of personalities. Unfortunately personalities were dragged into it, and much misrepresentation has been indulged in. It has been freely circulated that the attitude of the CITIZEN was due to a personal feeling against the superintendent of the water department, Charles W. Powers. Such a representation of the case is untrue. The CITIZEN, like many people of the town, is agreeably surprised at the excellent work done by Mr. Powers since he assumed charge of the water department. It is well known that much pressure was brought to bear upon Mayor Fisher by many people, who were sincere in their opinion, advising against the appointment of Mr. Powers to the head of the water department, but the Mayor acted independently in the matter, and for the situation then at hand he could find no better man than Mr. Powers. It needed an energetic man, a man possessed of mechanical knowledge, a man who could and would work night and day, and a man who was not afraid or ashamed to get down in the ditch and handle tools when necessary. Mr. Powers possessed these qualifications and was the man for the place, and the Mayor showed good judgment in the appointment.

The Orange Water Company was looking for an increase in revenue to the town from the sale of water. This required an application of the meter system in many instances, and the effect of such application will be realized from now on. The revenue for the current six months, barring accidents, is estimated to have exceeded any previous half year. Factories that were paying the Orange Water Company from twenty to forty dollars per annum for water will pay the town from two hundred to four hundred dollars per annum.

In all the discussion over the policy to be adopted in providing funds for extending mains no member of the minority has in any way criticized the work of Superintendent Powers. Neither has the CITIZEN attempted to make him an issue in the controversy, and any such representation of the matter is the outcome of malice.

The CITIZEN, like many other people, does not believe that the water department can show a balance to its credit to-day, and will not for some time to come, but that is not in any way to the discredit of the superintendent, nor any reflection on his work. No other man could have taken hold of a run-down plant that had suffered for years from neglect and done any better, or not perhaps as well as Mr. Powers has done with the Bloomfield plant, especially when it is considered that the water department did not possess one single lot in the way of equipment for work when the office of superintendent of the water department was created.

The CITIZEN not only holds that the water department cannot show a cash surplus to-day, but is firmly opposed to the manipulation that it is proposed to resort to for the creation of an artificial surplus. Interest on water bonds is a charge against the water department and the proposition to place that charge in some other way than against the water department is both bad and dangerous financially, and the only motive of the manipulators of such a scheme is to create an artificial balance in order to seemingly justify a larger expenditure for water-main extension than the law allows. The law may be temporarily evaded by some ingenious dexterity in financing, but the authors of such manipulation are performing a dangerous feat.

It has been proclaimed from the house tops that Superintendent Powers has nothing whatever to do with the finances of the water department. It is now a good time to proclaim it again and for every citizen to fix it in his mind so that if the financial acrobats who are proposing to spend an imaginary surplus come to grief at the end of their performance they cannot make the superintendent of the water department a scapegoat for the finance.

**Property Taxed at True Value.**

All property will be taxed at its true value this year, according to the plan outlined by the County Board of Taxation in Newark last week. They announced that they would proceed to impress upon the assessors of all the other districts of Essex county that they will require from each assessor similar treatment of the real estate values within his locality to that which is being given by the Newark board.

All the members of both boards were present. The conference was in secret, and was held in the office of the Newark board in the City Hall. The conditions are somewhat different in Newark from those of the other municipalities, as that city is the only district that boasts of a commission. The other municipalities have their taxation matters in the control of the assessors.

It was necessary, in explaining the method that is being followed in Newark, to display the working books and other documents of the department. The conference with the officials of the other municipalities in the county will be held at the temporary headquarters of the county board in the Circuit Court room at the Court House, Newark. It is probable that the Newark standard of determining true values of real estate will have to be followed, as may be, by all the other municipalities. Messrs. Anderson, Dickson and Felt assured the Newark commissioners that so far as they can bring about results, there will be a complete abolition this year, and henceforth, of the "percentage" system of assessing realty values for taxation purposes.

**Automobilists Fined.**

Complaints have frequently been made of the reckless manner in which automobiles are driven in this vicinity, especially in and around the Centre, and it is surprising that some terrible accident has not occurred in that locality. Frequent arrests have been made in other places for driving the machine at a higher speed than that allowed by law, and the transgressors have been made to pay large sums in the way of fines. And now the borough of Madison, Morris county, is determined that the law regulating speed and other matters in reference to running automobiles shall be observed. Last week a man was fined \$100 there for allowing his son, said not to be sixteen years old, to run a machine. Another man was fined \$100 on the charge of using his New York number, and still another was fined \$100 on the charge of exceeding the speed limit.

**Bloomfield Man Hurt.**

Frederic W. Moffett of this town, the well-known marksman, was out riding in an automobile with Dr. T. W. Debout of Striving, Morris county, on Saturday last, and had a narrow escape from serious injury, in the vicinity of Striving. They went out in Dr. Debout's big auto, and while running along at a rapid rate the machine came to a sudden stop, hurling both men to the ground. Moffett, who was thrown a distance of twenty feet, turned a complete somersault, and landed on his back and one hand, receiving painful injuries. Dr. Debout escaped with a few bruises and was able to attend to his own as well as his companion's hurts. The two men were taken to Dr. Debout's home in another automobile.

**Discovered a Burglar.**

Joseph Garlock, a newsdealer at 276 Glenwood avenue, had a tussle with a burglar in his store shortly after midnight Monday morning. Garlock had occasion to go into the store for a package he had forgotten, and as he struck a match to light the gas a man leaped from behind the counter and grappled with him. Garlock was so surprised that for a moment he did not know what to do. Then he hurled the intruder through the open doorway and into the street, and the burglar escaped in the direction of the Lackawanna Railroad tracks.

An investigation showed that he had broken open a nickel-in-the-slot gum machine and carried off several dollars. Entrance was effected through a screen in a side window, to which he must have been boosted by an accomplice.

**Resisted Arrest.**

Policeman Edward Shorter had a lively battle with Frank Olicks, a Pole, whom he went to arrest for disorderly conduct and fighting in Franklin avenue on Monday. Olicks, with two other Poles, was engaged in a fight, and were battering each other in good style when Shorter arrived on the scene and took a hand in the fray. When he went to separate them the three men turned on him, and Shorter was compelled to use his club on Olicks, who stood his ground, while his companions took to their heels after he had stretched one of them on the ground with a blow from his fist. Olicks was then taken to the police station, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. F. G. Shaul. Recorder Cadmus flew Olicks, as well as the others who participated in the row.

**Golf at Glen Ridge.**

A bogie handicap was the attraction on the Glen Ridge golf links on Saturday afternoon and was won by Dr. John E. Wilson, 1 up. The scores: E. S. Mitchell, even; Robert Mitchell, 3 down; W. G. Elk, 5 down; Wm. G. Thomas, 6 down; E. B. Gordon, 7 down.

The final in Class C for the June cup was played; A. T. Benedict beating Dr. W. E. Broughton, 3 up 1 to go.

**Patents Issued.**

Patents issued to Jesseymen and reported for the CITIZEN by Drake & Co., Solicitors of Patents, corner Broad and Market streets, Newark, N. J.: Bottle-stopper, J. H. Cummings, Newark; nail-filer, A. Henkel, Newark; vehicle wheel, J. M. Lamsden, Jr., Orange; pen for fountain pens, W. L. Cohen, Roselleville; medicine bottle, L. Perotti, Newark; tool holder, V. Boyle, Paterson; attachment for routers, V. Boyle, Paterson; sterilizer and valve, N. W. Shonk, East Orange; garment rack, F. Wolf, Jersey City; twisting copper and other metals, J. A. Yinnick, South Orange. Designs—Textile fabrics, H. S. Hood, Newark; textile fabrics (three), E. F. Johnstone, Glenridge.

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**The Kurnick License.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:—I should like to add a few words to what has already been said in respect to the granting of the Kurnick license in the second ward. It is difficult to speak calmly of the recent courtesy with which the two Councilmen of the Second ward treated the protest of a large number of influential citizens from that ward. They are supposed to be elected to that office in order to represent the best interests of the people of that ward. Will they ask us to believe that their vote endorsed the best interests of the people in defiance of that protest? It is to be hoped that the voters will see to it that these men will not have further opportunity to misrepresent the intelligent sentiment of the ward after their term of office expires. It is a great misfortune that our local rulers cannot look at things in a large way rather than the point of view of the peanut politician. Nothing would contribute more to make Bloomfield a more desirable place of residence for the best people than to reduce the number of licensed saloons. Much effort is being expended just now to induce such people to make their residence here. Let our local government imitate the example of Montclair, and we will not be obliged to meet, as now we must, a disparaging comparison with that borough.

**\$25 Water Color for First Prize.**  
For the benefit of those who do not know the value of the water color scene painted by Miss Florence K. Stevenson as first prize for 13-lb hammer throwing at the Fourth of July games, Mr. John B. Cary of the firm of Cary & Kenny, who framed the painting, values it no less than \$25 for the painting without the frame. Cary & Kenny are experts at valuing paintings of all kinds. The painting being a foot-ball scene, with nine figures, is a very difficult thing to paint and shows a great amount of time and tedious work. Cary & Kenny will confirm this statement to the recipient personally if desired. If the artist had studied abroad the painting would be at least \$75 more in value, and is a matter of but a few years after the artist finishes her course of studies in the New York Art School when she will study abroad. The painting can then be sold for the greater price.

**Criticized Health Board.**

Etienne Le Bel, president of the Nutley Board of Health, tendered his resignation to the Nutley Common Council Wednesday night, and it was accepted. Acting Mayor Vosseler remarked that he hoped the Third ward would send a good man to the Board of Health as Mr. Le Bel. Although the former president, in his letter of resignation, explained that it was because of business interests; later, when asked about the matter, he administered a few gentle "knocks" against the board for its alleged inactivity, and criticized the members for not showing more interest in Board of Health matters, when, he says, there is important business to be disposed of.

**Declared Unconstitutional.**

The Court of Errors and Appeals has declared unconstitutional the Assembly district act passed by the Legislature last winter. The members of the General Assembly will therefore be elected by counties until the constitution is amended. The opinion of the Supreme Court declaring the method of electing Assemblymen by districts was written by the late Chief Justice Durpe, and the view taken of the law at that time is upheld by the court of last resort almost unanimously, only one of the members of the court voting to reverse the lower court. The decision is an important one, and will have a specific bearing politically on the fall convention and election.

**Alden Freeman's Book.**

Alden Freeman's new book, "A Year in Politics," will be the sensation of the year in the county, if all that has been said about it is true. Mr. Freeman, it is said, strikes a high place, and does not mince words in expressing views upon the practice of methods that are not especially helpful for the uplifting of the entire community. The first edition will be ready about August 1, and will be sold only by subscription, to be sent direct to him at 101 Munn avenue, East Orange. The price is \$1 for paper cover and \$1.50 for cloth cover. The proceeds are to be given to the Colored movement. There are fifty cartoons and illustrations in the book, and those who have seen a few of the chapters of the book say that it will be the most interesting political literature ever sent out in Essex county.

**Early Nominations.**

It required just about five minutes Wednesday night for a goodly number of Second ward Republicans in East Orange to make nominations which will be presented to the primaries in September. Edward F. Pierson was named for the City Council and George S. Halbert, a present School Commissioner, was re-named for the Board of Education.

**Jamestown.**

The great exhibitions of the world have usually been held in or near metropolitan cities. The knowledge of this fact has caused some to question whether Norfolk will be able to furnish adequate hotel accommodations for the immense throngs which next year will visit the Jamestown Exposition. No anxiety need be felt, however, on this score.

**Democratic Candidate.**

Colonel Edwin A. Stevens, a member of the famous Stevens family of Boston, has decided under certain conditions, which he makes known to be come Democratic candidate for United States Senator of New York. Democrats from all over the State have been urging Colonel Stevens to announce his candidacy.

**College Girls' Luncheon.**

Miss Jennie F. W. Hubbard gave a luncheon on Wednesday, July 11th, in honor of Miss Helen Newbold and Miss Alice Jaggard, college girls and Miss Angeline Johnstone of South College.

**Modern Chivalry.**

The age of chivalry is not past nor honor dead while at the Round Table sit knights like Upton Sinclair and Lincoln Steffens, David Graham Phillips and Ray Stannard Baker, Samuel Merwin and Thomas W. Lawson, Norman Hapgood and Rudolph Blankenburg, Paul Latzke and Harry Bosch Needham, Cleveland Moffett and Samuel Hopkins Adams, Charles E. Russell and Alfred Henry Lewis. The pen is mightier than the sword, and these men wield intellectual battle-axes that will cleave their way through any Fort de Boeuf castle of injustice. Harmless upon the breast-plates of a righteous cause fall the slugs and arrows of the robber trust barons already trembling within the crumbling walls of special privileges and vested wrongs. The Spanish oppressors called the Flemish knights "beggars" in contempt, but the beggars thrived under the appellation and drove their tyrants out of the land; so the title of much-rakers is proving to the magazine writers of America only a spur to the winning of further victories for the plain people over the much-rakers. The Augean stables will be cleaned and the title of much-raker will lead to a crown of greater glory for the gallant knights of the pen. A modern King Arthur sits in the White House at Washington, and a twentieth century Joan of Arc has, in the person of Miss Tarbell, put on armor and seized the sword to fight the Machiavellian commercialism of our time.—From Alden Freeman's New Book.

**Library Notes.**

The American Library Association held its 28th annual conference at Narragansett Pier during the week ending July 7. Over a thousand librarians from all parts of the United States registered their attendance.

The meetings were devoted to the reports of committees, addresses and discussions on the various phases of library work and problems such as book-buying, co-operation of libraries with schools, children's rooms, planning and construction of library buildings, the library as a municipal institution, the library in relation to special classes of readers, books for the blind, books for the foreign population, libraries and settlement work, library training, State commissions, etc.

Among the distinguished guests and speakers were Hon. G. H. Utter, Governor of Rhode Island; Dr. Faunce, President of Brown University; Brander Matthews of Columbia University, and the author of "The Virginian" and "Lady Baltimore"; Mr. Owen Winter who read a most interesting paper on "Subjects Fit for Fiction."

The American Library Association was organized in 1876 and has been a great force in the development and marvellous growth of the public library in the United States. Its motto is "The best reading for the largest number at the least cost." Its purposes are "The promotion of library interests, the interchange of experiences and opinion, the obtaining of larger results from library labor and expenditure, and the advancement of the profession of 'librarianship.'" Bloomfield was represented at the conference by Mrs. M. E. Ludey of the Jarvis Memorial Library.

**A LARGE CONTRACT.**

When W. W. Keyler, the enterprising druggist, first offered a 50 cent package of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia at half price, and guaranteed to return the money if it did not cure, he thought it probable from his experience with other medicines for these diseases, that he would have a good many packages returned. But although he has sold hundreds of bottles, not one has been brought back. This is so surprising that he has taken the contract to introduce Dr. Howard's specific in at least half the homes in Bloomfield, and to do that he will continue his special half price introductory offer.

W. W. Keyler wants every person in Bloomfield who has constipation, dyspepsia, headache, or liver trouble to come to his store and send W. W. Keyler 25 cents by mail and get 60 doses of the best medicine ever made at half the regular price, with his personal guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure.

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